

Claims

- 5 1. A key arrangement for a portable electronic device comprising a substantially planar body for lying over a circuit board that carries electronic components and an input key wherein said input key is attachable to said body and is operable for relative movement along confronting surfaces of said body and said input key.
- 10 2. A key arrangement according to claim 1 wherein the confronting surfaces touch.
3. A key arrangement according to claim 2 wherein the confronting surfaces annularly touch.
- 15 4. A key arrangement according to claims 1, 2 or 3 wherein said relative movement is rotational.
5. A key arrangement according to claims 1 or 2 wherein said relative movement is translational.
- 20 6. A key arrangement according to any preceding claim wherein said input key is actuable in an axis perpendicular to the plane of said substantially planar body.
- 25 7. A key arrangement according to claims 4 to 6 wherein said body comprises a substantially planar recessed area within which said input key is substantially located.
- 30 8. A key arrangement according to claim 6 or 7 wherein said body comprises a stanchion.

9. A key arrangement according to claim 8 wherein said stanchion is an actuable key.
- 5 10. A key arrangement according to any preceding claim wherein said body comprises a plurality of actuable keys.
11. A key arrangement according to any preceding claim wherein said input key is a rotary key.
- 10 12. A key arrangement according to claim 11 wherein said rotary key is an annular key.
13. A key arrangement according to any preceding claim wherein said body is a flexible mat.
- 15 14. A key arrangement according to any preceding claim wherein said input key is slideable.
- 20 15. A key arrangement according to any previous claim wherein said input key is detachable from said body.
16. A key arrangement according to claim 1 for a radiotelephone.
- 25 17. A radiotelephone including a key arrangement according to any preceding claim.
18. A key arrangement substantially as described herein with reference to any of the accompanying drawings.